

## Good-Bye! Good Luck to You

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"It's the chance of a lifetime!" said John Bates. Then, as other considerations came to mind, "In a way," he added thoughtfully.

His fellow physician, Chester Haynes, regarded him quizzically. "You mean?"

"If one had no ties at home," said the other frankly.

"That's right," agreed Chester, mentally making note of the fact that what he had feared was true. John, too, was in love with Mary Hamre, a darned unfortunate mixup.

"To study tuberculosis on such a vast scale," went on John, utterly unaware of his friend's train of thought, "well, it's a tremendous opportunity. Will you take it, Ches?"

Haynes shrugged his shoulders. "We'll sleep on it," he said.

The chance had come for one of them to go abroad with a relief commission to study the white plague in eastern European regions devastated by the war and resultant famine. Both men had specialized along that line, although recently Haynes was developing a more or less general practice among the city's well-to-do and even socially prominent families. This experience abroad would mean contact with well-known continental physicians and would endow the man who underwent it with worth-while authority on his return. To be sure, it meant certain hardships and an indefinite absence from home.

That night John felt himself pulled in two directions. His professional ambition urged him to accept the opportunity. His love for Mary prompted him to cast it aside and devote his

work above everything else. Absolutely everything!" he emphasized.

Mary threw him a thoughtful glance. "When does he go?" she asked quietly.

"Oh, in a week or so," said Chester carelessly. "He'll be frightfully busy arranging his affairs. I'll take over a considerable part of his practice. By the way, Mary, I'm coming around after hours tomorrow in my new roadster. Won't you try it out? Got to see an old chronic up at her summer home in Westchester. And how's your aunt?"

Mary smiled. Her aunt had for several years enjoyed a comfortable invalidism which entailed the frequent calls of her dear doctor Haynes. It was her not very well concealed ambition to get him into the family, and she gave her niece little respite in the matter.

"Auntie's in her usual poor health," Mary said. "Will you see her?"

It was true, as Chester had said, that John's days were busy ones, and he took a vicarious pleasure in the thought that otherwise he would have been tempted to feast his eyes as frequently as possible upon Mary's dear face before he went. And to do so would be difficult without letting her know he cared unbelievably.

Poor, deluded John! As if Mary hadn't guessed long since the state of his affections. It takes so slight a betrayal of voice or look or gesture to tell such news to the most stupid of girls, and Mary Hamre was an extremely bright woman. Even Aunt Ellen knew John loved Mary? The trouble was, did Mary love John? Certainly not, if Aunt Ellen's influence counted for anything. Why, Chester Haynes was worth two of John Bates!

Came the day of John's departure. Chester was to see him off at the steamer, and, in a generous mood, decided to run around and get Mary. He could well afford to be magnanimous considering that a few hours would put rolling miles of ocean between the two of them, and, to continue the nautical metaphor, all would be clear sailing for him.

After all, Mary was out, and delayed by tire trouble, Chester, reached the pier just as the last "All ashore that's going ashore" was being sounded. But far up on an upper deck he saw John. If he felt a slight wish professionally that he stood in John's shoes, he reminded himself that he had had the chance and refused it. There was adequate compensation awaiting him.

He lifted his hat and waved it. "Good-by; good luck to you—" The words froze on his lips. Who was that beside John? Mary!

John must have seen the look on his face. Making a trumpet of his hands, he called to him: "Quietly—an hour ago. Tried to get hold of you, but couldn't. Wanted to avoid fuss with Aunt Ellen. Congratulate us!"

And Mary, her face radiant above the armful of roses she carried, nodded happy affirmation. "It was my idea!" she told him, and the explanation was sufficient. Mary would brook no obstacles.

"Haul in the gangplank!" Slowly, with dignity and majesty, the liner drew away. Chester turned to his new maroon roadster. It was all he had left to return to.

### Indian Legends of Natural Gas.

Many places in America are today lighted entirely by natural gas. The first town to use this form of illumination was Fredonia, N. Y., early in the Nineteenth century. Indians formerly inhabiting the region had legends of burning springs in Canadaway creek, a little stream running through the town. Children of the early white settlers amused themselves by setting large onion stalks over fissures in the slate rock at the bed of the stream, packing them around with sand, and lighting the gas which emerged from the top. The first gas well, tapping a pocket 200 feet below the surface, was drilled in 1820, the year Lafayette made his last triumphal tour of America. A lead pipe was laid on the top of the ground to pipe the fluid to the tavern where he was entertained when he passed through the town on his way from the West. Lafayette commented on the new light in his journal, still preserved in Paris.

### It Was the Rule.

One of the regulations of the Congressional library at Washington is that visitors must carry no parcels into the building.

One morning a tall, broad-shouldered young woman arrived at one of the doors of the library, having in her hand a neat brown-paper package.

"No bundles are allowed inside the building," said the attendant. "You must leave it here till you come out."

The young woman objected. The man said it was the rule. The young woman said it was absurd. The man was firm. He must obey orders. The young woman hesitated, then she undid the parcel, hung several pairs of black hose over her arm, handed the man the paper and said:

"There, you may keep that until I come out."

### Keeping Him Occupied.

While making a trip with my baby I had my most embarrassing moment. He was standing up in my lap, holding onto the back of the seat in front, having a delightful time, while I was gazing through the window at a car skidding from side to side on a muddy road.

Several passengers began to laugh. Turning around, I found baby waving a toupee in the air. He had grabbed it off an old man's head.—Chicago Tribune.

## PRICE DISCOUNT GIVEN FOR HOGS

Lower Price for Soft Pork Paid Because of the Lack of Attractiveness of Meat.

### SHRINKAGE RECORDS SECURED

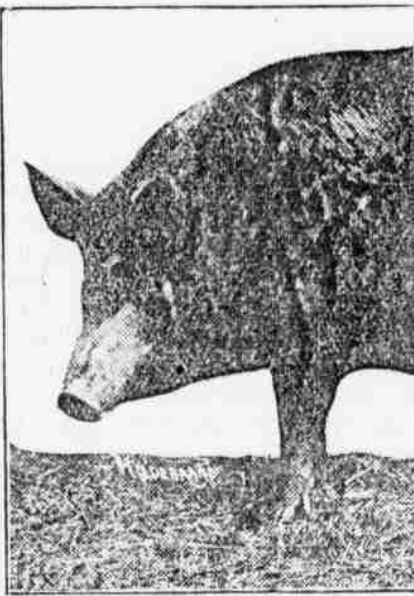
Seemed to Be No Difference in Flavor or Keeping Qualities of Three Grades—Marked Difference in Appearance.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

One of a series of shrinkage tests to determine justification for the price discount which has always been applied to soft and oily hogs, as compared with firm hogs, was recently completed by the United States Department of Agriculture. The tests indicate that the discrimination against soft pork and the price discounts, usually ranging from \$1 to \$3 per 100 pounds, are due to the lack of attractiveness of the pork rather than because of any heavy shrinkage in weight.

### Loss in Weight Is Same.

Twelve different tests, involving 800 hogs, were made, and complete shrinkage records of slaughtering, chilling, curing, smoking and retaining were



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secured. The tests showed that the total loss in weight from the cooler to the end of the retaining period of oily pork was 13.85 per cent of the chilled weight and was the same as that of firm pork. The shrinkage in soft pork was nearly 10 per cent or 2.07 per cent more than that of either the firm or oily pork.

There seemed to be no difference in the flavor or keeping qualities of the three grades of pork. A marked difference was noticeable in the general appearance of these grades, and the tests indicate that the trade preference for firm pork is largely due to this consideration. Oily pork retains a yellowish cast and when cut the meat is oily and soft. This renders it less attractive than the solid, white, and comparatively dry meat from firm hogs.

### Details Given in Bulletin.

Detailed descriptions of the tests, together with the results obtained, are given in United States Department of Agriculture Bulletin 1093, entitled Shrinkage of Soft Pork Under Commercial Conditions. This bulletin may be obtained free on request to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

### INCREASE VALUE OF MANURE

Addition of Phosphate Will Give Great Results on Soils That Have Been Exhausted.

It cannot be said that the addition of the phosphate will always double the value of the manure, but in some cases it certainly will. On soils that have become exhausted through long cropping to grains, or where live stock has been fed and shipped for many years, the phosphate will give great results. This is because such crops as grain and live stock carry away large quantities of phosphorus, while nothing is brought back. On farms where all hay and grain are fed and all manure saved, the phosphate will not give such evident results. You can hardly find a farm today east of the Mississippi which does not show a lack of phosphorus, unless phosphates have been used freely. Thus, while the use of acid phosphate may not, in all cases, double the value of manure, it will always make it more useful, and the plan is, on the whole, one of the best that can be followed.

### RIGHT WAY TO HANDLE EGGS

Where One Is Broken Over Others In Case It Causes Them to Spoil—Avoid Washing.

Rough handling of eggs which causes one to break and run over others in the egg case often causes them to spoil. Eggs will also gather moisture if they are brought suddenly from cold storage into a warm room or the warm sunlight. The best way to get eggs to keep is to provide clean nests and clean food for the flock. Then use cool storing places and avoid washing them, even if they are a little dirty. The cleaner your eggs, the better they will keep—and the more demand there will be for them.

## AVERAGE FARM WAGES ARE REPORTED LOWER

Rate for Male Labor Is Now \$28.97 a Month With Board.

Of Quarterly Reports 36 Per Cent Stated That Labor Supply Exceeded Demand, Especially in Cotton States.

The average rate of wages of male farm labor for the entire United States, October 1, was \$28.97 a month with board, according to the first of a regular series of quarterly reports from 1,300 county crop reporters to the United States Department of Agriculture. The average rate for the year 1921 was \$30.14. By the month without board, the average, October 1, was \$41.58, compared with \$43.32, the average for 1921. Day wages, with board, October 21, was \$1.57 compared with \$1.68 last year, and day wages without board was \$2.03 compared with \$2.18 in 1921.

Of the 1,300 reports, 36 per cent stated that the labor supply exceeded the demand at current wages, 33 per cent stated that the demand exceeded the supply, and 31 per cent reported an even balance. Excess of supply was stated to be most pronounced in the cotton states, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas; also in Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas. Demand exceeded supply in New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and the Pacific Coast states.

### GREAT PAYING COMBINATION

Legumes and Live Stock Are Advocated by Missouri College at Big Stock Show.

A feature of much interest and value of the American Royal Live Stock show at Kansas City was the exhibit of the Missouri College of Agriculture. The message conveyed by this exhibit is summed up in seven words: "Legumes and Live Stock, the Paying Combination."

The possibilities of live stock farming were shown in the central section of the exhibit, and the truth is emphasized that more and better live stock will mean greater wealth and satisfaction for the farmer and greater prosperity.

Legumes were in turn shown to be essential to the production of more and better stock by building a more productive soil as well as supplying protein feed cheaply.

Every step in growing clover was shown in this exhibit—from liming



Legumes Are Essential to Growing Better Live Stock.

soil to the utilization of the crop for greater advantage to both live stock and land.

The many uses of the soybean were also demonstrated—as a soil builder on thin land, as a green manure crop, as hay, and as a supplementary feed grown in corn for hogging off with hogs or lambs.

### TO IMPROVE DAIRY BREEDS

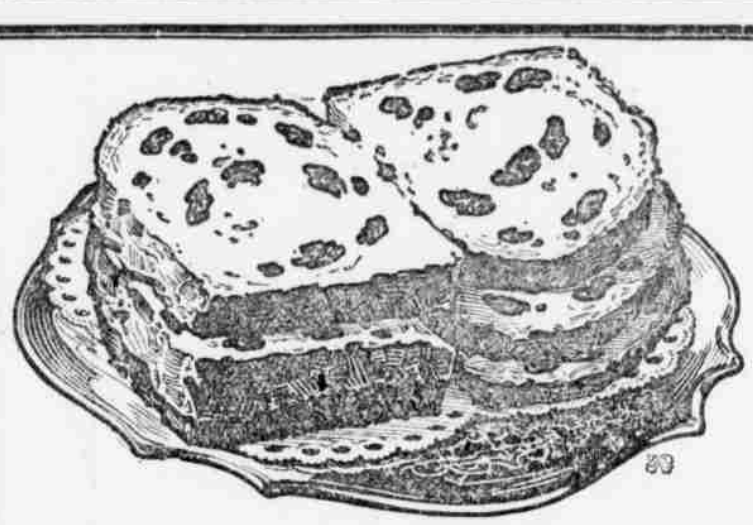
Fundamental Rules of Fitting Must Be Understood and Observed With Best Breeds.

If the dairy breeds are to be improved and brought up to maximum milk and butterfat production so that the science of breeding may be brought down to more nearly a problem of mathematics, then the good cows of the leading breeds must be given credible official records. Fundamental rules of fitting must be understood and observed to have the cows in condition to make good records, and then fundamental rules of feeding must be fully understood and appreciated in feeding them when they are undergoing the test.

### REMOVE TRASH FROM GARDEN

Burning or Adding to Compost Heaps Aids Materially in Insect Disease Control.

Removal of the trash from the garden, either by burning or adding it to a compost heap will aid materially in insect and disease control. The various rots which attack tomatoes, the fungus diseases of melons, beans, late blight of celery, soft rot and anthracnose of cucumber and melons, may live over on the old crop remains. Furthermore, if the diseased trash is allowed to stay on the ground it will eventually infect the soil and render the land unfit for gardening.



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